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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6176

BILL NUMBER: HB 1184

DATE PREPARED: Nov 10, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Enforcement of fire lane restrictions.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill defines "fire lane" for purposes of the law concerning motor vehicles. The bill specifies the way in which an area may be designated a fire lane. It allows a law enforcement agency to appoint volunteers to issue complaints and summonses for stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a fire lane. This bill also allows a county, city, or town to adopt and enforce an ordinance that regulates stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle in a fire lane if the ordinance does not conflict with state law.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: This proposal provides for an ordinance violation. If additional ordinance violations occur, revenue to the state General Fund may increase if court fees are collected. If court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, a court fee of \$120 would be assessed. 70% of the court fee would be deposited in the state General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court. All revenue from additional civil penalties is directed only to the general fund of the municipality.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources: (1) The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$120 court fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of court fees. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25% would be deposited in the city or town general fund. (2) A \$3 fee would be assessed and, if collected, would be deposited into the county law enforcement continuing education fund.

(3) A \$2 jury fee is assessed and, if collected, would be deposited into the county user fee fund to supplement the compensation of jury members.

In addition to the \$120 court costs, the maximum civil penalty for an ordinance violation is \$2,500 and is deposited in the general fund of the respective municipalities. All revenue from additional civil penalties is directed only to the general fund of the municipality.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies; city and town courts.

Information Sources: